

Vermont Friends of the Library Groups 2015

Town	Name & address of president/chair	Recent successes
Barre	Christine Litchfield (chrisart6496@charter.net) (802) 476-6496 Friends of the Aldrich Library 6 Washington St. Barre, VT 05641	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual summer used book sale in • Small book sales through the year • Annual winter banquet and auction • Regular raffle baskets • Fundraisers for library programming: Authors at the Aldrich, Summer Reading, Teen Advisory Council, Senior Day, Living and Learning, and Reading Circle Book Group
Brattleboro	Mary Ide, President friendsofbrookslibraryvt@gmail.com Friends of Brooks Memorial Library 224 Main St. Brattleboro, VT 05301 https://www.facebook.com/FOBML	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three book sales per year • Organize concerts, special lectures, and other events
Burlington	Joan Conroy, President (jconroy188@gmail.com) (802) 318-8725 Friends of the Fletcher Free Library fffl.btv@gmail.com http://www.fletcherfree.org/Friends.htm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for the library as a literary and cultural center • Annual book sales • Annual Friends membership • Support Spanish and musical programming for children and summer reading program • Poetry events • Gardening workshops • Food drive for the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf
Cabot	Sandy Atkins, President (atkinsreddog@hughes.net) Friends of Cabot Public Library (802) 279-8641	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth of July book sale
Castleton	Friends of Castleton Free Library http://www.castletonfreelibrary.org/friends/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted reception for new Town Manager and new Police Chief • Organize Science Pub series

Colchester	<p>Linda Terrien, President (lfter@comcast.net) Jen Alderman, Secretary (jenstevealderman@msn.com) (802) 872-8878 Friends of the Burnham Library PO Box 134 Colchester, VT 05446 http://colchestervt.gov/256/Friends-of-the-Library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor a February one-day book sale, a summer book sale held the last weekend of June, and an annual letter writing appeal mailed out in September • Proceeds support library activities including summer children's programs, a music program for preschoolers, adult presentations throughout the year - some through the Vermont Humanities Council, a yoga class, promotional materials, audio/visual materials for all ages, a contribution to the library's endowment fund.
Corinth	<p>Fundraising Committee Blake Memorial Library PO Box D East Corinth, VT 05040 Co-chairs: Miranda Moody Miller (m_moody@zoho.com) (802) 439-9091 Susie Strainchamps (esandshs@tops-tele.com) (802) 439-6760</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House and garden tour brought in \$3,720 • Two book and plant sales brought in \$5,246
Essex	<p>Bonnie Doble, President (bonnie@doblealliance.com) Friends of the Essex Free Library 1 Brown's River Road Essex Junction, VT 05452</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Plant Sale (1st Saturday in June) • Fall Cozy Nook Craft Fair (1st Saturday in November) • Funds summer reading program, a library page internship program, and other improvements as needs arise
Fairfield	<p>Bridget Howrigan Rivet (bridget_rivet@msn.com) friends_of_bnml@msn.com (802) 827-3942 Friends of Bent Northrop Memorial Library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 Garden Tour • 2014 first annual To Bid or Not to Bid (wine and cheese and silent auction) • Landscaping at the library

Groton	Nancy Spencer (spencernn@earthlink.net) (802) 584-3717 194 Log Pile Rd. Groton, VT 05046	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing book sale in house • Annual Books and Beyond Sale during Fall Foliage Festival • Pi Day celebration/fundraiser with homemade pies available for eating in or taking out • Funded various programs and library needs • Sponsored Volunteer Appreciation Tea
Hancock	Jill Jesso-White, President (jssite@myfairpoint.net) (802) 767-4128 Friends of the Hancock Free Public Library PO Box 159 Hancock, VT 05748	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair Weather Book Sale • Christmas story and craft program • Guest performer programming • Valley Reader Book Club
Hardwick	Rob Alcusky, President John Page, Secretary (jpfdiller@gmail.com) Friends of the Jeudevine Library PO Box 536 Hardwick, VT 05843	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising/membership newsletter raised \$3,812 • Third-place winning float in the Hardwick Spring Festival Parade • Hosted two programs from the Vermont Humanities Council: "Shipwrecks of Lake Champlain" and "400 Miles Down the Connecticut River"
Hartford / Quechee	Co-presidents: Jo Allsopp (jkallsopp@gmail.com) (802) 296-2199 Ann DeLoach (aquechee@comcast.net) (802) 295-1212 Friends of Quechee Library Quechee/Wilder Libraries www.quecheelibrary.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual membership appeal • Host fundraising events • Co-sponsor programs for kids and adults
West Hartford	Barbara Gherardi 802-296-8163 Fowhl@myfairpoint.net Friends of West Hartford Library Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Halloween party and trick or treat • Obtained Libri grant for books • Helped with recovery following Irene flooding
Hartland	Toni Vendetti (tonidave@vermontel.net) PO Box 243 Hartland, VT 05048	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual 4th of July book sale

Hyde Park	Kim Austin Puleio (kdap8@comcast.net) (802) 585-6033 Friends of Lanpher Memorial Library 141 Main St. Hyde Park, VT 05655	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First fundraiser will be a doll and wardrobe raffle • Goals include: identifying ways to support the library's mission, creating a Facebook presence, and spreading the word about the group
Ludlow	Scott Stearns, President (sestearns@msn.com) Friends of the Fletcher Memorial Library 88 Main St. Ludlow, VT 05149	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund library services (such as tickets to Hildene) • Lunchtime book/movie discussions in winter • Regular book discussions and community events (paranormal investigators, cake decorating, etc.) • Vermont Reads 2015 in conjunction with Black River High School and Middle School
Lyndonville	Donna Edwards (edwards_2@charter.net) (802) 626-5539 Friends of the Cobleigh Library, Inc. PO Box 344 Lyndonville, VT 05851 http://cobleighlibrary.org/main/friends-of-the-library/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book sales and other fundraisers • Raise funds to support the bookmobile
Middlebury	Lorrie Muller (mullerlk@comcast.net) (802) 388-9499 Friends of the Ilsley Library 75 Main St. Middlebury, VT 05753 http://friendsofilsley.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly used book sales, averaging \$400 • Budget of up to \$19,000 for programming for children, youth, and adults • Fundraising appeals to members
Middletown Springs	Maureen McCormack, President (moe@vermontel.net) Friends of the Middletown Springs Public Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Garden Festival
Milton	Shelly Hitchcox (sahitchcox@comcast.net) (802) 893-4644 39 Bombardier Road Milton, VT 05468	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual basket raffle • Annual chili cook-off fundraiser • Purchased bookcase for monthly book displays • Supports increase in adult programs
Montgomery	June Abramowitz, Chair (juneabramowitz@gmail.com) Friends of the Montgomery Town Library PO Box 97 Montgomery Center, VT 05471 (802) 326-4239	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got 501c3 status • Hosted a speaker from the Vermont Humanities Council

Newfane	Jan Knowles, President Friends of the Moore Free Library PO Box 208 Newfane, VT 05345 (802) 365-7948	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual book sale • Community-wide yard sale on the green
Newport	Susan Watson, Chair Goodrich Memorial Library 202 Main St. Newport, VT 05855 (802) 334-7902 info@goodrichlibrary.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas open house, hand bell choir concert, and family party • Hosted Humanities Council 1st Wednesdays lectures • Week-long July book sale • Downton Abbey Tea • Summer reading programs • Music programs with local performers • Haunted Halloween Circus
North Hero	Mary Dattilio, President (marydat@aol.com) Friends of the North Hero Library 31 Old West Shore Rd. North Hero, VT 05474	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual flower sale in May
Norwich	Anne Goodrich (normasdaughter3@gmail.com) (802) 649-2624 Friends of Norwich Public Library PO Box 290 Norwich, VT 05055	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising activities: book sale, annual plant sale, the Great Rubber Duckie Race, Soup & Bread with an Author • Goals: financially support extra-budgetary items that enhance library services
Orleans	April Lane, Treasurer (aprilsiphone1@gmail.com) (802) 754-2565 Friends of the Jones Memorial Library 1 Water St. Orleans, VT 05860	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosts Lake Region Union High School Art Show
Orwell	Meggan Young OrwellLibraryFriends@gmail.com Orwell Library Friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Read-a-thon fundraiser for specific projects like speaker series events and discovery backpacks • Bake sales • Local parade float • Support summer reading program with funding and volunteers
Peacham	Jim Minichiello (ministav@fairpoint.net)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Holiday Tea (December) • Flea Market (April) • PAMFest ice cream (August)

Plainfield	Janet Nielsen, President (JanetN@myfairpoint.net) Friends of Cutler Memorial Library Cutler Memorial Library PO Box 186 Plainfield, VT 05667	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant and book sale • Christmas basket raffle at annual Twinfield Fair • Sale of primroses at Town Meeting
Randolph	Karen Bixler (karenkbix@gmail.com) Friends of Kimball Library 67 Main Street Randolph, VT 05060 (802) 728-5073	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New book purchased to honor each child born to a Randolph or Braintree family • Volunteers deliver library books to home day-care providers • Provided furnishings for the youth department • Dessert Night • May Plant Sale • Dahlia Swap
Rockingham	Polly Montgomery (montgomerypolly@yahoo.com) (802) 463-2175 Friends of the Rockingham Library 65 Westminster St. Bellows Falls, VT 05101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book sale in April • Plant sale in May • Community holiday party in December • Continual sale of book bags, calendars, and notecards
Rutland	Donna Louiselle (donnalouiselle@gmail.com) (802) 773-1860 Friends of the Rutland Free Library 10 Court Street Rutland, VT 05701 http://rutlandfree.org/friends-of/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly (sometime bi-monthly) used book sales
South Burlington	Marjorie VonOhlsen (marjorievonohlsen@comcast.net) Friends of South Burlington Community Library 540 Dorset Street South Burlington, VT 05403	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run a book shop, The Novel Idea, open three days per week • Book sales • Cookie Walks • July ice cream social • Provide funding support for adult and children's programming and supplies
Springfield	Rosanne Putnam (Putnams@vermontel.net) (802) 886-8430 Friends of Springfield Town Library (FOSTL) http://www.springfieldtownlibrary.org/fostl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Book Sale is the major fundraising activity • Promotes use of the library, provides additional resources not funded by tax support, and encourages gifts and requests to benefit the library

Stowe	Dee Reeve, President (deereever@gmail.com) Friends of Stowe Free Library PO Box 1029 Stowe, VT 05672 http://stowelibrary.org/friends-of-the-library.php friends@stowelibrary.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer and ongoing book sales • Membership dues and donation income over \$15,000 • Fine Wine and Dine raffle with gift certificates from local establishments earned \$6000 • Co-sponsor annual concert series
Strafford	Cindy Stableford (Cindy.stableford@gmail.com) Friends of the Morrill Memorial & Harris Library PO Box 174 South Strafford, VT 05070	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 4th book sale & Dec Holiday Sale • Magazine subscriptions • LUV coop & VT downloadable memberships • Reading incentives for children • DVD purchases • Museum passes • Guest speakers • Computer workstations • Support for Town House forum Aug reading series • iPad workshops
Tunbridge	Euclid Farnham, President (802) 889-3458 Friends of the Tunbridge Library PO Box 9 Tunbridge, VT 05077 letsread@tunbridgelibrary.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor Town Meeting dinner and pie sale each year • Hold annual "Memorial Book Bake and Plant Sale" • Provide refreshments for the Winter Evening lecture series and bimonthly ArtSpace openings • Support ongoing programs and general budgetary needs
Vergennes	Karlene DeVine (kdevine@myfairpoint.net) (802) 877-6392 Friends of the Bixby Memorial Library PO Box 213 Vergennes, VT 05491	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual plant sale in May • Holiday Gift Basket Silent Auction concurrent with the Vergennes Holiday Stroll • Manage used book sale, open daily April-November and online

Wallingford	<p>Betty Emery, President Kathy Ross, Treasurer (ross_kathleen@yahoo.com) Friends of the Gilbert Hart Library (802) 446-2685</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports programs financially and by providing refreshments • Provides funding for acquisitions • Annual plant sale • Fundraising dinner in October • Maintains ongoing book sale • Hosts monthly whist parties • Honors the librarian with an annual luncheon at a member's home
Wardsboro	<p>Kathleen Meeks, Chair (info@friendsofwardsborolibrary.org) (802) 896-3416 Friends of the Wardsboro Library PO Box 137 Wardsboro, VT 05355 www.friendsofwardsborolibrary.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owns and maintains the building and land, finished a capital campaign to renovate and expand the library, which doubled in size • Sponsors the Gilfeather Turnip Festival each October, the House and Garden Tour in July, and a plant sale each May • Sends out May fundraising letter
Warren	<p>Susan Stoehr, President (sostoehr@hotmail.com) Friends of the Warren Public Library PO Box 287 Warren, VT 05674 http://www.warrenlibrary.com/warren/friends.asp warrenlibrary@gmavt.net (802) 496-3913</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book sales • Annual fundraising appeal • Funds raised cover audio books, periodicals, book discussions, Books for Babies packets, DVDs, repairs and supplies
Waterbury	<p>Linda Siegel (casidy5806@msn.com) (802) 244-0885 Friends of Waterbury Public Library PO Box 384 Waterbury, VT 05676</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spearheading a capital campaign fund to build a new library • Run an annual book sale • Send Annual Fund appeal letters, raising about \$8-9,000 per year • Fund summer kids' programs • Fund author visits • Pay for Mango Languages subscription • Pay for annual subscription for e-newsletter service • Help run some adult programs
Weathersfield	<p>Barbara Putnam (bjputnam@tds.net) (802) 263-5534 Friends of Weathersfield Proctor Library PO Box 519 Ascutney, VT 05030</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual book sale and Town Challenge • Goals include developing by-laws and articles of incorporation and increasing active membership

Williamstown	<p>Friends of Ainsworth Public Library https://ainsworthpubliclibrary.wordpress.com/volunteers-and-friends/ https://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Ainsworth-Public-Library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall book sale • Spring book and cookie sale • Annual raffle
Williston	<p>Joanne Arsenault (arsenauw@comcast.net) Friends of the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library http://www.williston.lib.vt.us/index.php/about-us/friends-of-the-library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals: stimulate and support library services and facilities for the community, reward meritorious service to the library, and support the First Amendment and the Freedom to Read Act • 4th of July book sale, \$6237 • town musical event for \$500
Wilmington	<p>Therese Lounsbury (teabury4@gmail.com) (802) 464-0790 Friends of the Pettee Memorial Library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Basket of Books Raffle on Town Meeting Day • Village Stroll Book Sale • Paint a Slate • Had cabinet made to enclose historical and rare book collection • Working to develop a weekly presence in the local newspaper to showcase activities, new books, programs, etc.
Windsor	<p>Sally Bemont, President Friends of Windsor Library 43 State St. Windsor, VT 05089 http://windsorlibrary.org/friends-of-windsor-library/librarian@windsorlibrary.org (802) 674-2556</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual book sale • Host raffles, sales, auctions, speakers, and other events • Helped purchase new carpet, refinished oak furniture, renovated the children's room, and supported programs
Winooski	<p>Amy Barcomb, President (abarcomb@gmail.com) Friends of the Winooski Library 32 Malletts Bay Ave. Winooski, VT 05404 https://winooskilibrary.wordpress.com/get-involved/fol/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host informational tables at farmer's market • Book Swap • Working on by-laws, articles of incorporation, and 501c3 application
Woodbury	<p>Elizabeth Hansen, Coordinator (ehansen125@gmail.com) (802) 456-1630 Friends of the Woodbury Library (FOWL) c/o Woodbury Community Library PO Box 329 Woodbury, VT 05681</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with VT Humanities and other organizations to create adult programs • Applied for Woodbury Grant and solicited local donations